

The federal government should mandate the open, unrestricted ability for local governments to be able to provide Internet services just like other utility services. Big name commercial providers with lots of power and influence (e.g. money for political donations) have too much sway over this issue. It is to everyone's advantage to allow as many providers thereby increasing competition and driving prices down. To level the playing field, the FCC may want to establish guidelines so as not to make the local government/utility at too much of an advantage over any other commercial provider.